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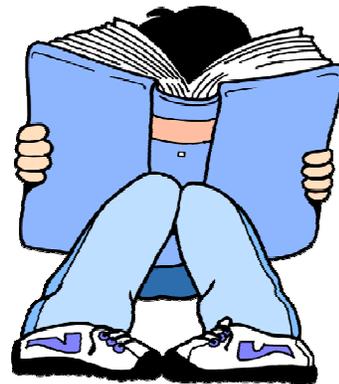
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Dear Parents/Carers and Learners,

Reading Competition

The Library is promoting a Reading Competition run by the National Literacy Trust working with the author Chris Ryan who is a former member of the SAS and who has written best selling books for both adults and children. The prize for the winning teams will be the opportunity to spend a day with Chris taking part in an Action Day out. The team will be supplied with combat gear, get to look inside a tank and complete an assault course. They will also win books for the Library.



I hope that you will encourage your son/daughter to enter. Learners must work in teams of between 3 and 8 people and complete 3 of the suggested reading missions which involve activities such as photographing learners or staff reading; asking what and why they are reading; making a display of what they find out; running a survey in school to find out what members of the school like reading and presenting this in a booklet or talking about it at an Assembly; writing some information about a book that the learner had read to recommend it to others.

Please ask Mrs Thomas or Mrs Stevens for more information.

Year 11 Prom 8th July 2010

Our Year 11 learners are leaving after their exams in the summer and every year we get together to celebrate their years at Harrow High. It is the event of the summer! This year is no exception and planning is already in place for a grand summer event where everyone can dress to impress. The cost is approx. £30 per head. We need all Year 11 who want to come along to pay a deposit of £10 by 29th January. Another £10 will be due on 26th February and 26th March. Don't miss the opportunity of dancing the night away.

Pay your £10 to Mrs Lowry in cash or cheque made payable to Harrow High School.

English Department

The English Department are committed to ensuring that your child has every opportunity to reach their full potential in their English exams during the summer term. With this in mind each teacher in the department will be giving their time to lead an extra lesson of English a week, every Thursday, from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. The initial focus will be on coursework improvement.

As you are aware, coursework is a vital part of the GCSE syllabus. Any coursework that is not submitted will have a direct impact on your child's GCSE grades. Your son/daughter will lose significant marks if they have missing coursework or coursework that is not completed to the best of their ability.

Please look at the table below with your child, so you are aware of when revision sessions are being held and thus can encourage them to attend. This will be the last opportunity your child will have to improve their coursework, as attention after this point will be directed towards exam revision.

Date and Time	Coursework title	Room
Week 1-5 Dates:14/01/10-11/02/10 Time:3.20-4.20	Original Writing	C8
Week 1-5 Dates:14/01/10-11/02/10 Time:3.20-4.20	Media	C7
Week 1-5 Dates:14/01/10-11/02/10 Time:3.20-4.20	Shakespeare	C6
Week 1-5 Dates:14/01/10-11/02/10 Time:3.20-4.20	20th Century Drama	M10
Week 1-5 Dates:14/01/10-11/02/10 Time:3.20-4.20	Pre 1914 Prose (Prep for oral)	E3



Borneo Expedition

Joel Davie is an ex-student of the school and he is choosing to spend some of his 'gap-year' with Raleigh International. In February 2010 he is travelling to Malaysian Borneo for a 10-week expedition. His expedition will combine personal development with the completion of worthwhile projects that will benefit the local community.

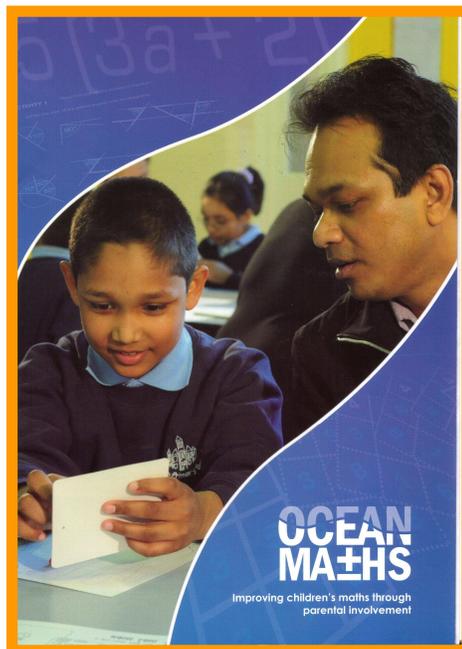
Joel needs to raise over £3000 to support this venture and he organised, with help from his family, a Quiz Night last Saturday evening. A team of teachers (and spouses) from Harrow High attended the quiz and achieved an equal first place. More importantly, the event raised £422 towards Joel's target. If anyone wishes to give him further donations for his expedition we have contact details and he will be popping into school before he 'packs his bags'.

Mr Chaytor - Maths dept

Ocean Maths

The Ocean maths workshops are organised and ready to start next week. Parents have been invited and we hope you do enjoy this valuable experience. The activities will be easy with games to play that are fun and enjoyable with children and parents/carers working together

- The workshop will be from 9.00 to 10.30 am in the School Hall.
- It will help improve your child's maths learning if you get involved. It is important that you attend.
- You do not have to be good at maths to share fun activities with their child.
- You will receive a gift if you attend



Dates are:

Tuesday 19th January
Year 8 - Set X1
Thursday 21st January
Year 8 - Set Y1

Tuesday 26th January
Year 8 - sets x2 and x3
Thursday 28th January
Year 8 - sets y2 and y3

GCSE Maths Results

Great news re early entry GCSE maths - **all learners passed** their exam.

Four of our learners achieved A*, fifteen achieved A, seven achieved B and two achieved C.

Well done to all of our learners!

Parents' Evening

We will be holding a Year 11 Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 26th January** from 5pm to 7.30pm. This is a very important time for your son/daughter with exams starting in early summer. Please come in and meet you child's tutors to discuss their future in education. We look forward to seeing you all.

Downloading programs in school



We have a strict policy at school regarding downloads bought in by learners (please refer to Guidelines for internet use on our website). We do not allow this as it can corrupt the school's system and could cause other learners to lose work.

Contact details

If you have changed address or telephone number could you inform the school as soon as possible. It is very important for your child's safety and well being that the school is able to contact you in an emergency.

Visiting school?

Parent/carers, sometimes it is necessary for you to make appointments to come and see your child's tutors. It is very important that when these appointments are made that you take down the name of the member of staff and the time of the appointment. If you are unable to attend please telephone the school, the member of staff you wish to see can then reschedule for a more convenient time for you both. Thank you.

Facilities Hire

We have classrooms, sports facilities and the function hall available for hire both in the evenings and at weekends, if you would like further information please contact Mrs Morrison on 0208 861 7305. Further details are also on the website www.harrow-high.harrow.sch.uk



And finally....

My thanks to all the staff and learners who struggled into school this week. I know transport has often been difficult and the streets icy. Being in school is vital especially for Year 11 who have exams now and next term. Staff are giving additional time to help our young people improve their chances and I hope you will keep on encouraging yours sons and daughters to work hard.

The weather forecast suggests the return of normal weather conditions for the time of year and so I expect everyone to be in school on time. In the event we should find it necessary to close the school again, please check the website www.harrow-high.harrow.sch.uk and read Latest News on the home page.. If you do not have access to a computer please feel free to contact us on the number above, there are members of staff in school at 8.00am and we will tell you the latest information. I hope you have found the information on our website and Open School useful. Please do make sure we have your correct mobile number.

Whilst life in the UK has been more difficult over the last few weeks, I am sure we are all thinking about the devastation in Haiti and our thoughts are with all of you who may have family in the region.

Yours sincerely

P Gamble
Headteacher (acting)